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Since it is impossible to explain to the population the real reason for the bread shortage, the Czechoslovak government now blames the rich peasants and the food hoarders for it.

In fact, the government proposed a drastic law which exacts a penalty of 25 years' imprisonment for food hoarders. A food hoarder is defined as a person who has in his possession more than 4 kilograms of flour, or 3 kilograms of fats, or 5 kilograms of sugar.

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